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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Nativity, Carol Service, Party Time and Festive Fun

On Monday and Tuesday this week our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils performed their Christmas Nativity and I'm sure you will all agree that the children took their parts wonderfully and there were some truly amazing solo performances. The singing and narration were super, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed both events. Thank you to parents and family members who came along to enjoy this special time.

Wednesday morning's carol service at the Holy Cross Church was lovely, the singing and service were really special, and the children were a great credit to Crookhill. Thank you to staff and children for working so hard and making these special Christmas events so memorable, they are always a wonderful start to the festive holiday.

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons were filled with dancing, party games and buffet teas. There was a feast each afternoon and a huge thank you to parents for providing such a lovely spread for the children.

Our parent governor, Mrs Anna Lucas, visited Reception Class yesterday morning. In a wonderful winter costume, Mrs Lucas read 'One Snowy Night', a lovely story about Percy the Parkkeeper and his woodland friends. The children were mesmerised and thoroughly enjoyed the wintery tale.

We also had a very welcome visit from the Gateshead Music Service yesterday. The team were dressed in their best Christmas outfits and performed a wonderful Christmas workshop. The children joined in with musical instruments and sang along to all of the festive favourites, they were particularly entertained by a rendition of 'All I Want for Christmas' performed by the staff and a fun afternoon was had by all!

Mrs Kelly took a group of children along to Ryton Towers Retirement Home this morning. The pupils sang Christmas songs and carols and delivered handmade cards. The residents were delighted to see their young visitors and joined in the singing and thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the children about school and the exciting holidays ahead.

Thank you to everyone who sported their winter jumper today and donated to the Save the Children charity. Your money will be sent straight to this worldwide organisation to continue the marvellous work they do.

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House Team Champions

The Team awarded with the most house points this term was Hedgefield, and the team celebrated with a treat of cookies and hot chocolate.

The children with the highest house points were presented with a prize during today's assembly for their hard work, well done to everyone.

Class	Pupils
Reception	Jacob Davies & Sophie Burns
Year 1	Frankie Bland & Emily Gowdy
Year 2	Emilia Watt & Willow Crew
Year 3	Daniel Burns & Henry Darling
Year 4	Ethan Robson & Kyla Heslop
Year 5	Lexie Dodds & Finlay Hewitson
Year 6	Maddison Watson & Oscar Baggaley

This autumn term has been a busy, happy and successful one. We had a super OFSTED inspection which recognised the caring and happy ethos of our school, the children's enthusiasm for learning and the highly positive relationships within school and with our families. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support and for working in partnership with our school. We have received lots of lovely messages from parents and carers which mean so much to everyone in school. Knowing that your children enjoy coming to Crookhill and are thriving in our happy school is the best Christmas gift a Head Teacher and staff team could ask for.

On behalf of all Crookhill staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Kristine McCormack
Head Teacher
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